

Hoekstra
Jacobs
Kolbe
LaFalce
Lewis (CA)
Manton
Martinez
Meehan

Meyers
Mfume
Moakley
Packard
Peterson (FL)
Radanovich
Ros-Lehtinen
Rose

Sanders
Sanford
Seastrand
Shaw
Solomon
Wilson

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

PETE HOEKSTRA,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.

There was no objection.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Republican Conference, I offer a privileged resolution, House Resolution 357, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution as follows:

H. RES. 357

Resolved, That the following named Member be, and he is hereby, elected to the following standing committee of the House of Representatives:

Committee on Budget: Mr. Neumann of Wisconsin.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

DESIGNATION OF HON. CONSTANCE

A. MORELLA TO ACT AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS THROUGH FEBRUARY 26, 1996

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker of the House:

WASHINGTON, DC,

February 1, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable Constance A. Morella to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through Monday, February 26, 1996.

NEWT GINGRICH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the designation is agreed to. There was no objection.

RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation from the House of Representatives:

WASHINGTON, DC,

January 19, 1996.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Attached herewith is a copy of my letter of resignation as presented to the Governor of the State of Maryland, the Honorable Parris N. Glendening.

Effective February 18, 1996, I am resigning as Representative to the United States Congress from Maryland's 7th Congressional District.

Sincerely,

KWEISI MFUME,
Member of Congress.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 2281

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be withdrawn as a cosponsor of H.R. 2281.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Connecticut?

There was no objection.

AWARDING CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO RUTH AND BILLY GRAHAM

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 2657) to award a congressional gold medal to Ruth and Billy Graham, with the Senate amendment thereto and concur in the Senate amendment.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Clerk read the Senate amendment, as follows:

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Delaware?

Mr. FLAKE. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, and of course I will not object to this particular bill, but I yield to the gentleman from Delaware [Mr. CASTLE] so that he might explain the Senate changes in H.R. 2657.

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, Members may recall that in the past week or two, we passed H.R. 2657, which was a bill to award a congressional gold medal to Ruth and Billy Graham. Members on both sides of the aisle, with the exception of one, voted for this. It was supported almost unanimously in this body, 403 "yes" votes at that time, and there was no known opposition.

Mr. Speaker, tonight the Senate amended H.R. 2657 deleting section 5, and it is a small change to the legislation. But because it takes some time to get this ready, they wanted to run this through tonight to get it done. Mr. Speaker, we have no objection to the change and wanted to put it before the House tonight.

Mr. FLAKE. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, I, of course, concur with the changes of the Senate. I am proud to share with the gentleman from Delaware [Mr. CASTLE] in our support of this particular legislation and for Reverend and Mrs. Billy Graham.

Mr. Speaker, I urge our colleagues to congratulate them for putting themselves in the position to be worthy of having a medal of honor named after them.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Delaware?

There was no objection.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GRANTING MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE PRIVILEGE TO REVISE AND EXTEND REMARKS IN CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON LEGISLATIVE DAY OF TODAY

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that for the legislative day of today, all Members be permitted to extend their remarks and to

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Mrs. CLAYTON changed her vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. SANFORD. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 30, my wife Jenny is about to have our third child and the doctor says if I don't leave now I will be missing the big event. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent during the votes on default legislation. If I had been present, I would have voted "nay" on the motions to table the appeal of the ruling of the Chair with regards to the resolutions offered by Mr. GEPHARDT (rollcall No. 26) and Ms. JACKSON-LEE (rollcall No. 27), I would have voted "nay" on the ordering of the previous question on House Resolution 355 (rollcall No. 28). I would have voted "nay" on H. Con. Res. 141 (rollcall No. 29). I would have voted "yea" on H.R. 2924 (rollcall No. 30).

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, due to a hearing on future energy policy by the House Resources Committee, which I served as chairman, I was unavoidably detained, and thus unable to vote for final passage of H.R. 2924.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on the Social Security Guarantee Act—H.R. 2924. I feel it is absolutely imperative to express Congress' intention to pass legislation increasing the public debt limit before March 1, 1996, and ensure that March Social Security benefits will be paid on time.

Senior citizens should not be held hostage on account of the budget deliberations we are holding today. I will continue to fight for a balanced budget by the turn of the century, and at the same time, protect America's obligations to its seniors.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER AND ELECTION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. METCALF) laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on the Budget:

FEBRUARY 1, 1996.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to your letter dated Jan. 29, 1996, I hereby resign as a member of the House Committee on the Budget, effective immediately.